

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm at 3515 Broad St.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners:

Becky Murillo – Present
Julie Knight – Present
Jamie Griffin – Present
Anne Marques – Present
Melissa Messer – Present
Ron Miller – Present
Joanne Wagner – Absent
Jeanette Frost – Present

Student Representatives:

Sadie Gehan – Present
Annalena Eisel – Present
Owen Biggert – Present

Others Present: Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager

Attending Virtually: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Griffin; seconded by Knight to approve the minutes from November 15, 2022 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Griffin to approve the agenda with the following amendment(s):

- None

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

- Griffin mentioned that City Council heard the ADA presentation that Parks & Rec received at their last meeting
- Griffin also mentioned that ACH had recommended a David Zinn mural for the Monument Park Gazebo, but Council decided upon the Farmers Market instead for the location

C. STAFF REPORT

Staff gave updates on the following items:

- Staff had met with Alex Gossage from the Center for Independent Living (CIL) for Washtenaw County regarding the Mill Creek Park North Playground project
 - Staff forwarded the ADA audit to him as well for feedback
- Bidding for the Grand Street Connector will be set for early 2023
- Staff discussed the lighting under the Main Street bridge with Washtenaw County Road Commission
- Provided an update on the Fido Fountain
- Staff would get an updated quote from Sinclair regarding Expression Swings
- Staff submitted the DNR Spark grant on December 19th
- Staff mentioned to Parks & Rec that with the passing of Paul Cousins, City Council would be considering changing the name of First Street Park (Horseshoe Park) to Paul Cousins Park
 - Members of Parks & Rec provided some feedback:
 - Possibly look into other options to honor Mr. Cousins
 - Might be better to wait with his passing being recent
 - Talk with the family on ways to honor him

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF: ART SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Griffin to appoint Jeanette Frost to the Art Selection Committee.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

B. CONSIDERATION OF: Bench Donation

The Parks and Recreation Commission considered the following related to the Bench Donation:

- Staff provided information regarding Mrs. Weber's bench donation application
- Parks & Rec discussed what the reasoning was behind the \$10,000 threshold for plaques on donated items
- Parks & Rec wanted to include a companion space next to the bench if the donation is approved by City Council

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Griffin to recommend the Bench Donation to City Council for consideration

OLD BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Messer to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

Josh Tanghe
Assistant to the City Manager